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By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

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Ads that feature satirical squirrel "facts" began popping up on the Red Line this month after a Chicago comedian successfully raised more than \$4,000 through a Kickstarter fundraising campaign.

"Facts" on the ads include: "Squirrels live in trees. Bees live in trees. Are squirrels actually killer bees ... in disguise?" and "No squirrel has ever been appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court ... yet. Stay vigilant, humans."

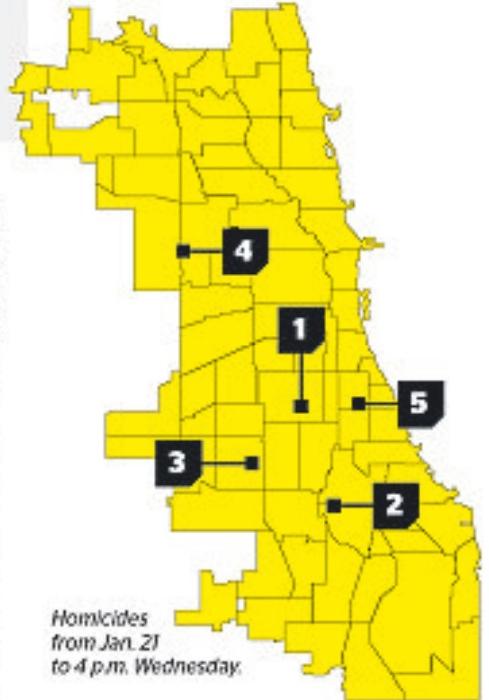
In a Kickstarter campaign last fall, comedian Ben Larrison raised \$4,399 among 91 backers to put 100 quirky ads on the CTA. An earlier Kickstarter campaign fell short of his \$4,100 goal.

"I just like making people smile, I like making people happy," Larrison told RedEye last year. "I know how tough it can be to take the train every day. It's nice to have little things that can make you smile once in a while."

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Mayor Emanuel (second from right) and Liz Banks (right), widow of Chicago Cubs Hall of Famer Ernie Banks, carry a wreath to the foot of Banks' statue, which rests at Daley Plaza on Wednesday. JOSE M. OSORIO/Tribune



HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Five homicides were reported in Chicago in the past week, surpassing last January's homicide toll, a RedEye analysis of police data found. Twenty-four homicides have been reported this month. Twenty-three were reported in January 2014.

A 23-year-old man was killed Tuesday in the 600 block of East 51st Street in Grand Boulevard on the South Side, officials said. Saturday, a 24-year-old man was fatally shot in the 200 block of North Kenton Avenue in West Garfield Park on the West Side.

On Friday, an 18-year-old man was shot to death in the 6800 block of South Western Avenue in Chicago Lawn on the Southwest Side and a 19-year-old man was fatally shot in the 7900 block of South Vincennes Avenue in Chatham on the South Side.

Two days earlier, a 40-year-old man was shot to death in the 500 block of South Racine Avenue in New City on the Southwest Side, according to officials.

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More car sharing for Chicago

Chicago Tribune

A new car-sharing service modeled after Airbnb could be coming to Chicago as soon as this spring.

The pilot program, tentatively called NeighborCar, connects drivers to car owners willing to rent out their vehicles. The program will start in Pilsen and Bridgeport, NeighborCar project director Sharon Feigon said.

"It's not an operating company as much as a pilot to test out a number of strategies for making peer-to-peer car sharing successful," Feigon said. "The great thing about peer-to-peer car sharing is that you don't buy any cars. It's people in Chicago who own them. There are cars everywhere."

NeighborCar is run by Alternative Transportation for Chicagoland, a division of the nonprofit Center for Neigh-

borhood Technology. The groups work to create sustainable urban development and transportation at affordable prices. The program, expected to start this spring, received a \$715,118 grant over two years from the Federal Highway Administration.

The Center for Neighborhood Technology pioneered car sharing in Chicago in 2002 with I-GO, which was operated by Alternative Transportation. I-GO was sold to Enterprise in 2013. With NeighborCar, local car owners set their rental rates, and drivers can use the car for a set price and defined time period. Tim Frisbie, a spokesman for the Shared-Use Mobility Center, another group that promotes ride sharing and is involved in NeighborCar, said that a price range has not been set yet.

NeighborCar will have safety checks in place. Members' driving records will be checked, and they must have a valid

driver's license. Those looking to rent out their cars must pass a vehicle inspection. Vehicles will also be insured.

Stephen Webb, a spokesman for Relay-Rides, another peer-to-peer service similar to NeighborCar, said car sharing is growing fast in Chicago and that a growing number of young people are contributing to the trend.

Lee Cleary, a 30-year-old social media manager, ditched her car in favor of vehicle sharing years ago.

Cleary had accumulated hundreds of dollars in parking tickets. One afternoon the car got towed, and Cleary didn't notice it for three weeks. It cost \$1,500 to get it out of the tow lot.

"That was the day I decided to sell it," she said, laughing. "It was not worth the money I was spending. Plus, I like not having to worry about the maintenance or upkeep."

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'Back to the Future II'

Prepare for the rise of the machines



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Flying cars. Hoverboards. Self-tying shoes. As the Internet loves to remind us, the calendar has flipped to 2015. The year Marty McFly time-traveled to in "Back to the Future II," and unfortunately, these wonderful gadgets still don't exist. (Though Nike says it's releasing a limited edition of the snazzy sneakers.)

But while none of us look as cool as Michael J. Fox cruising down the street on a hoverboard (the Segway is a sad substitute), our present day is much more remarkable than filmmakers imagined it. We all carry tiny powerful computers in our pockets that double as phones, cameras, TVs and gaming devices. News can reach us instantly from far-flung areas of the planet through social media. In China, a company just—believe it or not—3-D printed a five-story apartment building. And while our cars may remain planted on terra firma, Google is busy perfecting vehicles that actually drive themselves.

Let's not all take smug selfies celebrating our tech-fueled utopia quite yet, though. There's a dark side to all our new toys. Robots and artificial intelligence in 2015 continue to replace and displace human workers—not just in factories, but in sectors where we never imagined we'd have to compete with Wall-E. The wealth of Wall Street now depends on who has the fastest processing power. The U.S. military is expanding the use of drones machines to replace ground troops. Some doctor and lawyer jobs are going the way of the robot.

Even my own profession is threatened. Guess who broke the news of last year's

earthquake in L.A.? None other than an algorithm turned star reporter named Quakebot. And then there's the most freaky robot news of all from 2014: An AI was elected to a board of directors of a company in Hong Kong, bringing new meaning to the phrase "the boss just blew his fuse."

If there's a future in store that resembles a popular science-fiction movie, it'll probably won't be "Back to the Future," but "Terminator." Don't believe me? None other than renowned physicist and thinker Stephen Hawking says AI is the greatest threat to the future of humanity. Full artificial intelligence, "... would take off on its own, and re-design itself at an ever increasing rate," he told the BBC in December. "Humans, who are limited by slow biological evolution, couldn't compete and would be superseded." He's not the only one spooked by digital tools. Earlier this month, a host of artificial intelligence experts and leaders signed an ethics letter committing to limiting its development so that it won't grow out of humanity's control.

Does this mean we could be fighting killer cyborgs resembling Arnold Schwarzenegger in a few years? Probably not. Our demise probably will be a bit more subtle than that. Perhaps humanity will keep handing over more control and ownership of important tasks to our silicon pals until we become useless husks drowning in our own self-indulgence. Or maybe it'll resemble the movie "Her," where we'll all fall deeply in love with sexy software programmed to serve our needs better than a flawed human could.

All I know is this: If you suddenly see pro-robot columns in RedEye, you'll know I've been replaced by a Journo-bot and it could be too late for all of us. If that happens, better get on your Segway and head for the hills.

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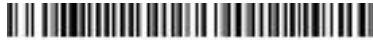


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cover story**WELCOME TO BOND COURT**

A person charged with a felony has a right to go before a judge who can set bail in his or her case—that is, to find out whether he or she can wait at home for the case to be resolved or will have to wait in jail. In Cook County, that usually means defendants go through Central Bond Court in the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Little Village. Here's what happens there.

ONE

Before a bond hearing, pretrial officers interview defendants at the courthouse to get personal information, such as the defendant's employment status, criminal history, family and education. That information is then provided to the court so that judges can make informed decisions about bail.

THREE

The judge weighs the defendant's personal circumstances as well as the severity of the alleged crime. Judges consider two factors in setting bail: the likelihood that the defendant will show up for his or her next court date as well as what danger the defendant poses to the community.

TWO

Each defendant goes before a judge, who will hear what prosecutors say about the case and learn the defendant's criminal history. The defendant's lawyer—either a private attorney or, more commonly, a public defender—then tells the judge some personal information about the defendant.

CATCH & RELEASE

MORE PEOPLE RELEASED PRETRIAL INSTEAD OF HEADING TO JAIL

By Megan Crepeau | REDEYE

If you are charged with a felony in Chicago, chances are you'll find yourself in a scuffed-up, sunlit courtroom on the Southwest Side known as Central Bond Court. Every day, dozens of defendants shuffle through Courtroom 100, where a judge hears a few basic facts about each case and, sometimes in a matter of seconds, decides where each person will stay until the case is resolved: at home or in jail.

Over the past few years, more and more defendants have been allowed to wait it out at home.

In about half of cases in 2014, judges ordered defendants to be sent home on I-bonds or electronic monitoring, according to data from county officials. That's up from 21 percent in 2011, according to staff in Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's office. The best courts in the country get that percentage up to 80 percent, according to her office.

Preckwinkle and other officials have pushed for bond court reforms, citing everything from the high financial cost of sending someone to jail, to the societal cost of locking up breadwinners and parents—particularly those who have been charged with nonviolent crimes.

"The research shows the longer you stay in jail, the worse the outcome for you, all else being equal; frankly, if somebody's in jail, they can't work and support their family, they can't go to school," Preckwinkle said. "Those who pay the money, the bond, have those options. There's no reason why poor people shouldn't have those options."

Eight out of 10 bond hearings in Cook County are held at Central Bond Court, making it the main driver of the Cook County Jail's population—a jail that for decades was under significant scrutiny for overcrowding. Most other bond hearings are held in suburban courts.

So, as a money-saving measure as well as a way to ease crowding, the county in recent years has made it a priority to significantly increase the number of defendants who can stay at home until their cases are resolved.

Judges have an array of options at bond court. Defendants cross their fingers for an I-bond order, which allows them to go home until their next court dates. An electronic monitoring order would let them go home too, under supervision of the county.

For a D-bond, the defendant must pay 10 percent of the order—\$5,000 for a \$50,000 bond, for example—to get out of jail. For a cash bond, the defendant must pay the entire amount. In the most severe cases, judges deem a defendant too dangerous to be on the streets and deny the option of bail altogether.

"The bond amount is set on the basis of the severity of the crime, and whether you can pay or not has to do with your current financial

wherewithal," said Arthur Lurigio, a professor of criminal justice and criminology at Loyola. "Most people are in jail not so much that the bond amount in itself was overwhelmingly high and out of reach, it's just that you don't have any money when you reach into your pocket."

In the meantime, the Cook County Jail population has been reduced to about 8,300 from more than 10,000 in 2013, Preckwinkle said. It costs \$143 to house one person for one day in the jail, or more than \$52,000 a year in taxpayer money.

"You could send someone to a very nice private college for \$52,000 a year," Preckwinkle said.

The typical resident of Cook County Jail is a black man from Chicago in his early 30s who has not been convicted of the crime for which he is in jail. Usually, just 4 to 6 percent of the jail's population is serving a sentence, according to Cook County Sheriff Thomas

The judge can order an I-bond, meaning the defendant can go home before his or her next court date. The judge also can order electronic monitoring, so a defendant can go home under the county's supervision.

Judges also might order money bonds. D-bonds require the defendant to post 10 percent of the bond's value before returning home—\$5,000 for a \$50,000 D-bond, for example. Cash bonds, or C-bonds, require the defendant to post all of the money before he or she can leave jail. In both cases, the county holds on to the money, and depending on the case's outcome, may return it to the defendant after the case is resolved, minus any fees or fines.

If a defendant is determined to be too dangerous to return home at all, judges can deny the possibility of bail altogether and guarantee that the defendant will be in jail until the case concludes.

SOURCES: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR HUGH MUNDY OF JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL; CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY WEBSITE

Dart—lengthier terms are carried out in prisons rather than jails.

"It's a very expensive proposition," Dart said. "For that reason, you want to be sure the only people in your jail are the people who need to be there."

Releasing nonviolent detainees does more than just save money, some experts say. Needlessly keeping someone in jail deprives a neighborhood of a productive resident and can seriously disrupt the detainee's life, Lurigio said.

"People lose apartments, they lose jobs, their relationships become attenuated, the consequences of a jail term become more serious," said Lurigio, who studied Cook County Jail for decades. "Therefore, that's more motivation for wanting fewer people to go in in the first place."

Not only are most Cook County Jail detainees awaiting sentencing, the vast majority of those are in jail on nonviolent charges, said

Andrew Schwarm, the county's chief performance officer.

"The plurality of these folks are being arrested for drug crimes," he said. "We think that this is a public health issue and not a public safety issue, and we are disrupting people's lives and communities and not increasing public safety at tremendous cost."

But Dart, whose office oversees the jail, says it's not always that simple.

"Could there be someone in jail on a possession of pot case? Yes, but I would suggest if that is the case, there's a strong possibility a person was on parole or just got off parole with a history of violence," he said. "Could be a violent history, could be probation for another offense, could be on parole for another offense ... it doesn't do any good to malign the judiciary, saying they're locking up a lot of nonviolent offenders. You need to dig into these cases."

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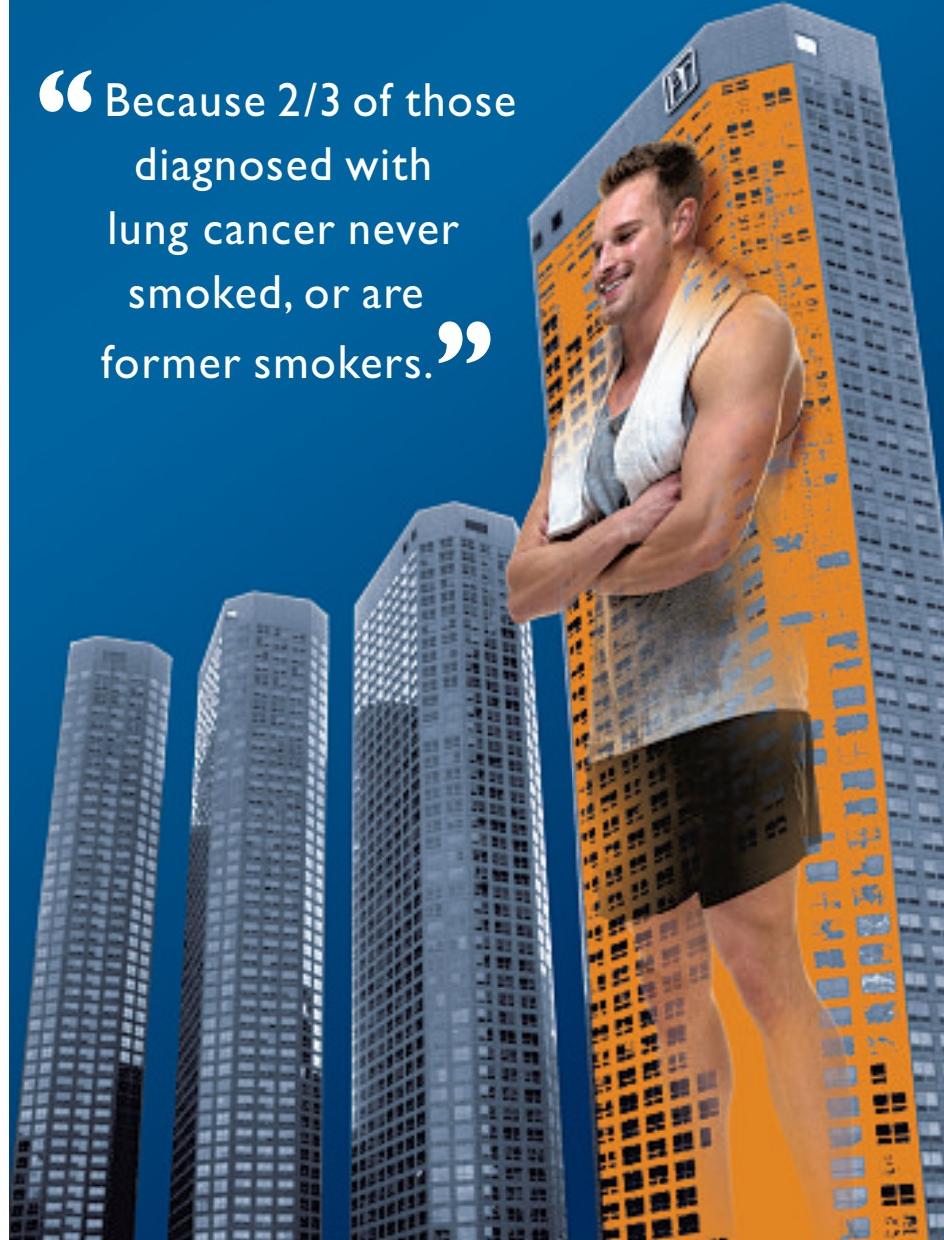
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Poll: Emanuel leads but may face runoff

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Emanuel still has a ways to go to persuade city voters to give him a second term next month and allow him to avoid a politically risky runoff contest in April, according to a new Tribune poll.

The survey showed the mayor at 42 percent support, shy of the 50 percent-plus-one majority he needs to win re-election outright on Feb. 24. Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia was the closest challenger at 18 percent, with Ald. Robert Fioretti (2nd)

at 10 percent, businessman Willie Wilson at 7 percent and perennial candidate William "Dock" Walls at 2 percent.

A key factor in whether Emanuel will reach that majority is the 20 percent of voters who are undecided with less than a month to go. In elections past, the majority of undecided voters who turn out at the polls typically tend to vote against an incumbent, but that percentage has softened in recent national elections.

The field of challengers so far has struggled

to gain traction and failed to raise enough money to tell their story to voters, many of whom remain largely unfamiliar with them, leaving Emanuel mostly running against perceptions of how he's fared during his first term.

Since November, Emanuel has spent millions of dollars on TV ads to try to rehabilitate his image and held a frequent string of public appearances to draw attention to what he's done since taking over for Richard M. Daley in 2011.

THE DIGIT

\$100M That's how much Roberta Buffett Elliott, investor Warren Buffett's sister, has donated to Northwestern University, the largest single gift in the school's history. Northwestern began recruiting for an institute of global studies that will be named for her, the school said Wednesday in a statement. **TRIBUNE**

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THE QUOTE

"#Michelle_Obama_Immodest."

—One of the hashtags attributed to some Saudis on Twitter as the Obamas (above) arrived in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday for a condolence visit to the country after the death of the King Abdullah. Under the kingdom's strict dress code for women, Saudi females are required to wear a head scarf in public. Covering one's head is not required for foreigners, but the first lady drew scrutiny for forgoing the custom.

Balloon crew streaking closer to breaking records

Only a few hundred miles and roughly two days stand in the way of the international team piloting the helium-filled Two Eagles balloon across the Pacific Ocean in a bid to break a pair of major distance and duration records.

Accomplished balloon pilots Troy Bradley, of Albuquerque, N.M., and Leonid Tiukhtyaev of Russia, launched from Saga, Japan, early Sunday Japan time. They're aiming for the shores of North America, an attempt that will put them on course to break a distance record of 5,208 miles that has stood for more than

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As of early Wednesday, the balloon was about 1,160 miles off the coast of California—traveling about 34 mph at an altitude of more than 15,000 feet. Their progress can be tracked online at pacificballoon.com/tracking/index.php and via Twitter at [@twoeaglesteam](https://twitter.com/twoeaglesteam).

California snuffs electronic cigarettes

The California Department of Public Health on Wednesday declared electronic cigarettes a health threat that should be strictly regulated like tobacco products, joining other states and health advocates across the U.S. in seeking tighter controls as "vaping" grows in popularity.

Tape: Scientist offers to build nuke bomb

Disgruntled, former Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist Pedro Leonardo Mascheroni promised to build 40 nuclear weapons for Venezuela in 10 years and design a bomb targeted for New York City in exchange for "money and power," according to secret FBI recordings released Wednesday.

Castro's rhetoric vs. U.S. unchanged

Despite reaching an agreement with the U.S., Cuban President Raul Castro, speaking at a regional summit in Costa Rica, demanded compensation for the 5-decade-old U.S. trade embargo on the island, backed independence for Puerto Rico and called for the return of Guantanamo Bay to Cuban sovereignty.

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each of the past four seasons, the media are fixated on his press conference answers—or lack thereof.

RedEye contributor Evan F. Moore wrote that Lynch's behavior is uncalled for because "beat writers who follow the Seahawks have a job to do." On a related note, former Buffalo Bills safety and current blogger Jeff Nixon said Lynch has an obligation to promote the NFL once he signs his contract.

I could not disagree more.

Though it's not ideal, there are other sources to turn to if you want quotes about Lynch. It might not be the most in-

depth piece ever produced, but that fact is not going to stop the world from spinning.

As for Nixon's argument, you're not committed to promoting the league once you sign a contract. You're committed to showing up in front of the media and speaking words, yes, but you are not committed to "promoting" the brand. That's what the NFL's public relations office is for.

Billy Bob Thornton hit it on the head in his acceptance speech after winning the Golden Globe for his performance on FX's "Fargo"—a speech lauded by entertainment networks and on Twitter.

"These days you get in a lot of trouble no matter what you say," he said. "You can say anything in the world and get in trouble—I know this for a fact. So I'm just going to say 'thank you.'"

That's an expanded version of what Lynch said following Seattle's beatdown of Carolina earlier this month. Reporters flocked around him in the locker room and he answered every question with: "I'm thankful."

ESPN, Fox Sports and other media outlets bashed Lynch for his approach. In life we call that a double standard.

Lynch may be the best running back in the league. He has a knack for finding the end zone and, at least since his arrival in Seattle, he's been healthy.

Place him outside the NFL and he's an employer's dream. He's loyal to his co-workers—just ask his current and former teammates—he shows up to work every day, performs at an elite level and accepts his penalties when he gets out of line.

"I ain't never seen no talking winning nothing," Lynch told the NFL Network's Deion Sanders on Tuesday.

I could not agree more, Marshawn. Your grammar needs work, but talking won't win you Sunday's game against New England. A deflated ball might, but not talking.

Go out, win your second ring and silence your critics.

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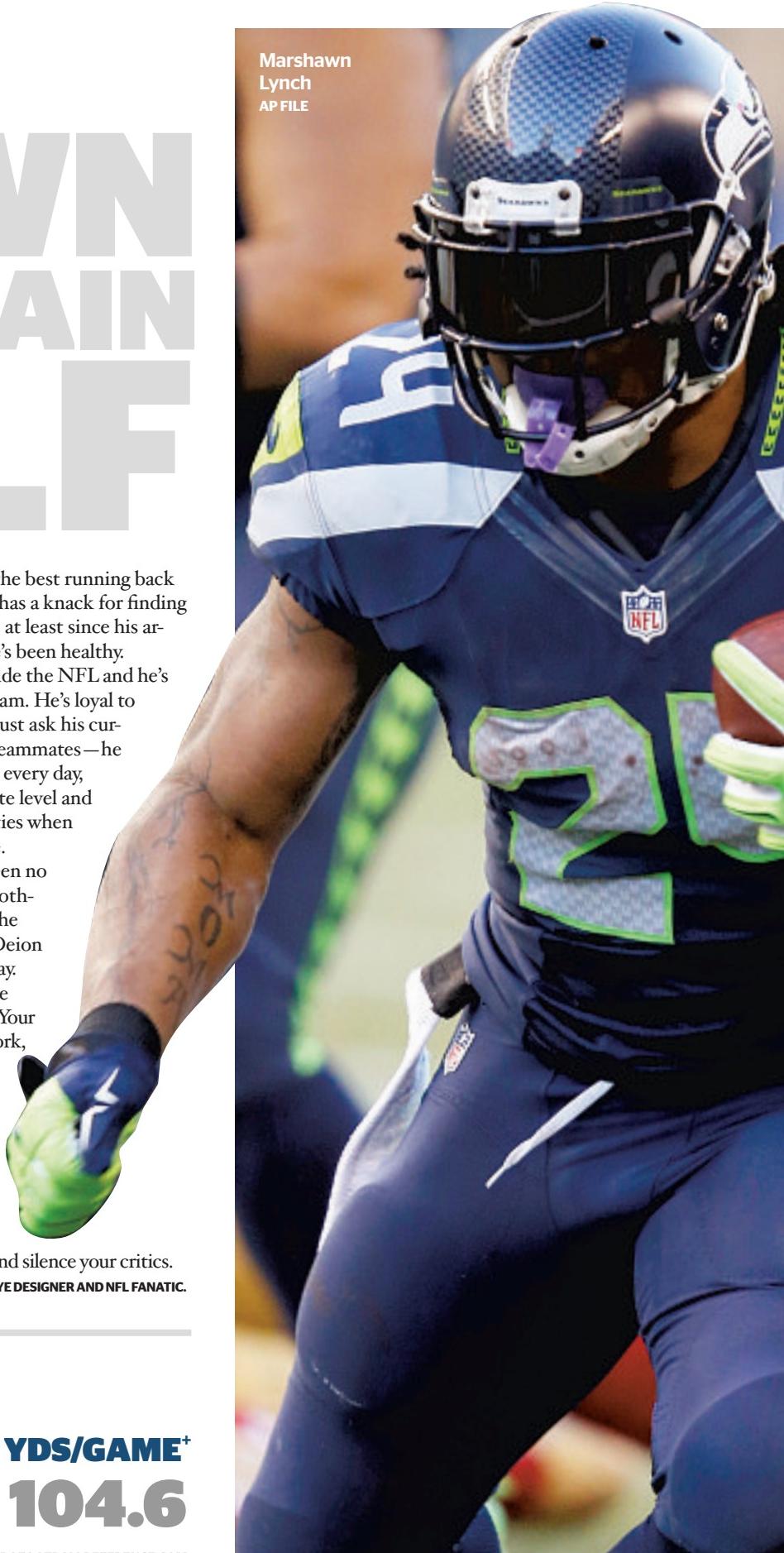
2014 REGULAR SEASON STATS

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280	1,306	4.7

TDS*	YDS/GAME ⁺
17	104.6

*INCLUDES FOUR RECEIVING TDS + RUSHING AND RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME SOURCE: PROFOOTBALLREFERENCE.COM

Marshawn
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CALLING ALL TYPES OF 'EXPERTS'

Chicago Tribune

The appetite for wacky Super Bowl predictions seems to grow each year, and all manner of man, animal and machine are served up to feed fans' hunger. Maybe these methods will help them figure out who's going to win Sunday's game. Or maybe not.

CHICKEN WING BONES

Method: Food Wishes chef John Mitzewich tosses chicken wing bones on a plate to see which letter it forms, representing a team.

Prediction: The bones formed an "S" for "Seattle."

Last year: Seahawks over Broncos (2013: 49ers over Ravens)

TEDDY BEAR THE PORCUPINE

Method: Eats corn on the cob from a container bearing a picture of the helmet of each team.

Prediction: Seahawks over Patriots

Last year: Seahawks over Broncos (and 3-0 in the past three Super Bowls)

SIRI

Method: A complicated algorithm... of telling you whom odds-makers favor.

Prediction: "Those in

the know say that the Patriots will beat the Seahawks by one point."

Last year: Fox's Curt Menefee asked Siri during the 2013 preseason, and Apple's computerized voice assistant responded: "The Chicago Bears will win the Super Bowl."

BING PREDICTS TEAM

Method: Analyzes search, social and other data.

Prediction: Patriots over the Packers (they were less than four minutes and a Seahawks rally away from that being a possibility)

'MADDEN NFL 15'

Method: EA Sports runs a video game simulation.

Prediction: Patriots 28, Seahawks 24

Last year: Broncos 31, Seahawks 28



ANIMAL PLANET'S PUPPY BOWL CAM

Method: Puppies eat the cake of the winning team.

Prediction: Seahawks over Patriots

Last year: Chose the Broncos over the Seahawks, the wrong pick for a second straight year.

FRED THE PSYCHIC BUNNY

Method: Fred nibbles on one of two cards with each team's picture.

Prediction: Seahawks over Patriots

Last year: Seahawks over Broncos

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Method: The Predictalator runs 50,000 computer simulations of the same matchup.

Prediction: Seahawks over Patriots by an average of about 24-20, according to Yahoo Sports.

Last year: Seahawks over Broncos by an average of about 28-25

TECMO SUPER BOWL

Method: Grapey Gaming runs a video game simulation.

Prediction: Patriots 20, Seahawks 10

Last year: Broncos beat the Seahawks 40-38 in TecmoBowl.org's simulation.

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1	Richard Sherman wants to swim more. Any recommendations?	A swim cap and some arm floaties.	Don't eat for half an hour beforehand. Or is it a full hour? You know what, just don't ever eat at all, to be safe.	Don't go with Russell Wilson, or else he'll expect you to help him ... a lot.	Noah's Ark. Wisconsin Dells.	Call Diana Nyad. Maybe he could swim to Cuba with her.
2	3-4 defense or a 4-3 defense: Will it make any difference for the Bears?	Definite maybe.	At this point, burning Soldier Field to the ground wouldn't make any difference for the Bears.	If we have the same players, no.	The Bears should try something new and run Zoolander's infamous "Blue Steel" defense. Can't be worse, right?	Six of one, half dozen of the other.
3	If Brandon Marshall returns to "Inside the NFL," he should catch up on "Game of Thrones" and "The Walking Dead" on those private plane trips.	What? Oh, I'm sorry, I read "Inside the NFL" and fell asleep for a minute.	... convince Boomer Esiason to play QB for Chicago. Please?	... not ask Jay Cutler to babysit his kids.	... probably turn in resignation papers. #baddecision
4	How will the Lakers' Carlos Boozer greet the Bulls before their game Thursday?	He'll do the secret handshake from the Lindsay Lohan version of "The Parent Trap" with Joakim Noah.	Baldly.	He will start a fight with the entire team and then fail to defend himself.	"Please. Get Me. Outta. Here. No, seriously. You can hide me in Mirotic's beard."	Maybe he'll trip on something just to remind them of the old days.
5	What would the tooth fairy say to Tiger Woods after his recent incident?	If those 2010 sexts are any indication, she'd encourage him to improve his grammar in future tooth fairy notes.	I hate to be the one to tell you this, but ... actually, never mind, the tooth fairy DEFINITELY exists. Run along, now.	"I'm also known as the Karma Fairy."	"GET YOUR HAND OUT FROM UNDER MY GOWN."	"Nice work, kids are getting a lot more \$\$ for their teeth these days."

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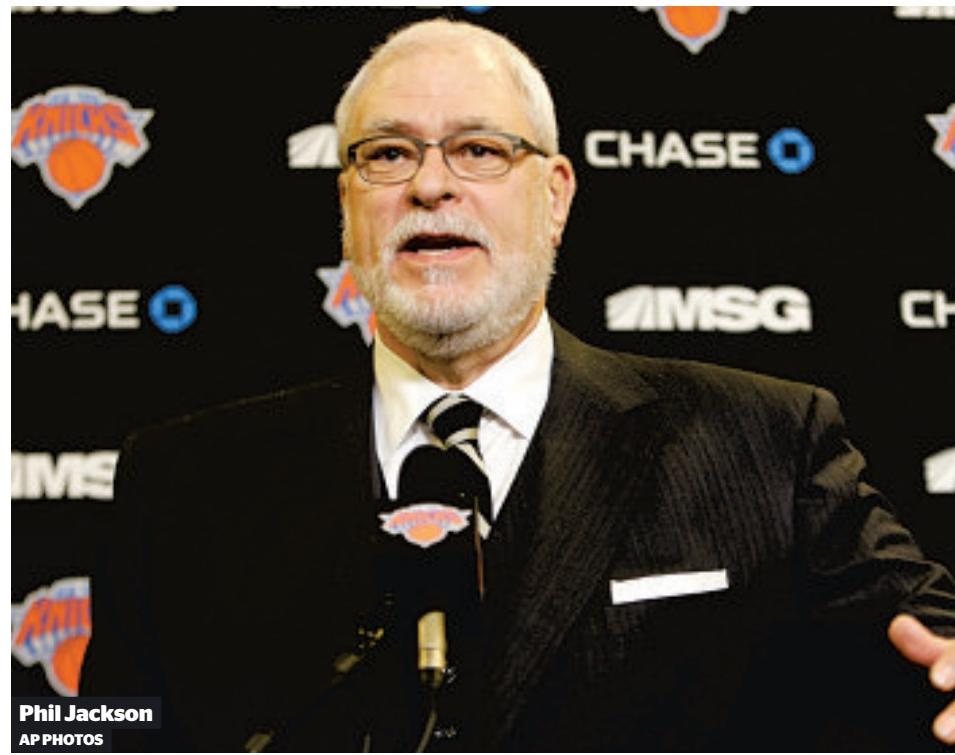
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Jackson: Knicks deflated balls

Long before Deflategate, former Bulls coach Phil Jackson said he and other N.Y. Knicks players would deflate basketballs in the 1970s. Jackson spoke candidly about deflating balls to former Tribune reporter

Sam Smith in 1986. Such practices weren't necessarily considered cheating when Jackson played in the NBA.

"What we used to do was deflate the ball," Jackson said in the Tribune article. "We were

a short team with our big guys like Willis [Reed], our center, only about 6-8, and Jerry Lucas, also 6-8, [Dave] DeBusschere, 6-6. So what we had to rely on was boxing out and hoping the rebound didn't go long."

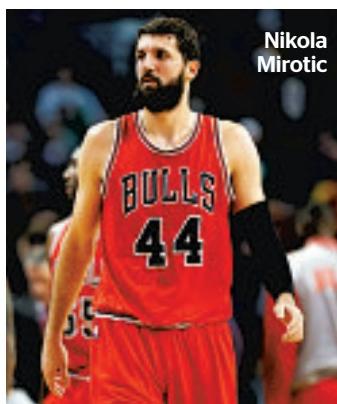
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"[Former coach Marc] Trestman was a super-nice guy, I really liked him, but I don't think he held guys accountable enough, and I don't think he had enough leadership in that locker room."

—Bears kicker **Jay Feely**, in an interview Wednesday with Mad Dog Sports Radio

Next stop, rookie of the year?

Bulls rookie Nikola Mirotic was named Wednesday as one of 20 players who will compete in the Rising Stars Challenge during the NBA All-Star weekend in February. For the first time, the game featuring first- and second-year players will pit the United States vs. the World. The game is set for 8 p.m. Feb. 13 and will be televised by TNT.



He couldn't stay away

The White Sox on Wednesday signed infielder Gordon Beckham to a one-year, \$2 million contract and designated outfielder Dayan Viciedo for assignment to make room for Beckham on the roster. This after the Sox traded Beckham to the L.A. Angels during the 2014 season.

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PAUL MCGEE TAKES LOGAN SQUARE ON A TROPICAL TRIP WITH LOST LAKE



Punch Vieux
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By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Let's be honest: No matter what I say about Lost Lake in this review, you're going to go. The latest creation from the tiki-infused mind of Paul McGee is the most-talked-about bar in Chicago right now. Remember what happened when Big Star opened? It's like that, but instead of tacos, there are bananas that look like dolphins.

McGee recently left his post as beverage director of Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises—where he made a big splash with big poppa tiki bar Three Dots and a Dash—to team up with Land and Sea Dept., the crew behind Longman & Eagle and Parson's Chicken & Fish. But because, as McGee recently told RedEye, he "really didn't want to leave tiki behind," Lost Lake was born, along with itty-bitty Chinese takeout joint Thank You to serve as its kitchen.

Because we're not idiots, my date and I knew the evening's rum quotient meant driving to Lost Lake was a terrible idea. So we hopped in alternate transportation—sadly, not a pirate ship—and set forth on a Logan Square adventure.

Beware, all ye who enter

However, because we secretly are idiots, my date and I also thought getting into Lost Lake on a Thursday night would be a cinch. Instead, we were greeted by a woman, whose hair was nearly as bright as her tropical shirt, who informed us that not only was the bar at capacity, the indoor line extending into Thank You was at capacity as well. "Outside, ye scurvy dogs!" she shouted (my recollection may be slightly altered due to later alcohol consumption), and we began our half-hour indoor/outdoor wait. During that time, no fewer than three people approached the host stand, attempting to meet up with friends who had a seat saved inside. But apparently at capacity is at capacity, even when there's an empty chair—pretty frustrating for those left out in the cold.

We put our name in for a table and joined the herds doing the delicate hover-dance for bar stools. Clearly this is how most bars work, but Lost Lake would be better served by adopting a Violet Hour-like policy of seating every patron. Nobody wants to stand while drinking an entire parrot of rum. It's just awkward.

Welcome to our tropical hideaway

Sitting while drinking an entire parrot of rum, on the other hand, totally rules. Land and Sea mined the creative depths to turn Lost Lake into the bar you wish was attached to Disneyland's Tiki Room—from the fish tank of piranhas

circling a skull to the stuffed flamingo peeping over the thatched roof—with a soundtrack reminiscent of Don Draper on vacation. I'm heavily considering losing my security deposit by having that fantastic, leafy wallpaper installed in my apartment.

Drink away your troubles

Lost Lake's main lineup of tiki drinks all are \$12, and it's easy to want to pick your drink based solely on its vessel. As mature adults, we started with the pufferfish (Pool Rules, featuring bourbon, aged Guyana rum, vanilla and angostura bitters)

and the parrot (Cocoanut Grove Cooler, made with scotch, Batavia Arrack, curacao and orgeat). The cinnamon stick-festooned Pool Rules smelled great on approach, but was fairly forgettable, while the Cocoanut Grove was wonderfully balanced. I'm not normally one for peaty scotch, but its rubbery flavor was perfectly offset by a multitude of fruits like pomegranate and pineapple. (That sounds kind of gross, but trust me, it's good.)

We were starving after our time in line, so it was time to take advantage of Thank You, whose menu is even tinier than its storefront, from the comfort of our bar stools. Highly recommended to counterbalance those drinks is the fried rice (\$10), peppered with nuggets of Chinese bacon and adorned with a raw



Paul McGee makes a cocktail at Lost Lake



Tahitian Rum Punch



A flamingo in the decor at Lost Lake

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A few highlights in Chicago's recent tiki history

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Trader Vic's opens in the Palmer House Hilton.

2005

Trader Vic's closes in the Palmer House Hilton.

2008

Trader Vic's opens in the Gold Coast. Bottom Lounge reopens in the West Loop with a rum-centric second floor called the Volcano Room.

2010

River North bar Curio launches a cocktail menu with a Tiki Rebellion section. The Orbit Room redecorates its patio in a tiki theme.

2011

Trader Vic's closes in the Gold Coast. Paul McGee introduces tiki nights at The Whistler.

2013

Lettuce Entertain You opens Three Dots and a Dash.

2014

Hotel Palomar debuts a tiki pop-up bar.

2015

Land and Sea Dept. opens Lost Lake.

egg yolk. The chicken wings (\$7 for six, \$13 for 12), weren't nearly as spicy as advertised, and I wasn't thrilled by the dollars-to-wings value. The Mongolian beef (\$8), featuring house-made hoisin sauce from chef Gabriel Freeman, felt a little overdone, but boy, was it good on top of that fried rice.

While waiting for our next round of drinks, we chatted up our friendly bartender and perused Lost Lake's intense rum menu, which features options from around the globe. This also was a good opportunity to ask ourselves questions like: How does one become a rum connoisseur? When is Johnny Depp getting his own brand of rum? Why do people drink Malibu? This time, we opted for a serious one-two punch (literally and figura-

tively): the Punch Vieux (aged rhum agricole, cane syrup, lime) and the Tahitian Rum Punch, a \$45 concoction featuring two kinds of rum, dry vermouth and curacao and meant for three to four people. The latter was supposed to be served in a conch shell, but ours came in the ship-shaped vessel usually reserved for the Tortuga (also \$45 and featuring many of the same ingredients). Were we given the wrong punch? The wrong ship? By the time we realized the possible blunder, we'd made our way to a low table—and certainly didn't need a replacement anyway.

There was no mistaking the Punch Vieux, however, which is true to its name in that it practically knocks you to the floor. The rum—derived from cane juice instead of mo-

lasses—is one of those beasts that makes you say "WOOOO!" after every sip, and probably was historically used to revive drowned sailors. It's awesome. The punch bowl—which ever it was—tasted like a blue Otter Pop according to my date, but that probably was the curacao talking and definitely is a compliment. Also, any cocktail is automatically six times more fun to drink when sipped through a 2-foot-long straw.

The bottom line

When you go to Lost Lake—because, as we've already established, you will—keep in mind that you'll probably have to bushwhack your way through a serious wait before settling in with a drink. But by the time you've reached your second cocktail, the crowds will become part of the party, you'll be fanning yourself with the comically large, leaf-shaped menu ... and a shirtless man in a sarong will approach you, carrying an enormous pearl he found while diving in the crystalline waters nearby. (Hang on, how much rum was in that ship?)

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HOW TO TALK TIKI

Confused by some of the ingredients in Lost Lake's cocktails? Here's a quick primer.

Batavia Arrack: A distilled Indonesian spirit often compared to rum, since both are made of sugar cane

Rhum agricole: Rum derived from sugar cane juice instead of molasses

Curacao: Liqueur named for the island of Curacao and flavored with jalaha (an orange-like citrus fruit) peel

Orgeat: A sweet syrup made from almonds, sugar and rose or orange flower water



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■ Wild (R) (Closed caption) VIP Premium 21+ 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

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■ Strange Magic (PG) (Closed caption) 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40

■ The Boy Next Door (R) 1:40, 2:10, 4:50, 10:30

■ Paddington (PG) (Closed caption) 12:05, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:45

■ Blackhat (R) (Closed caption) 10:00

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■ Project Almanac (PG-13) (Closed caption) 7:15, 10:00

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■ Spare Parts (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:55, 3:45, 6:45

■ The Wedding Ringer (R) (Closed caption) 11:35, 2:10, 4:55, 7:35, 9:35, 10:35

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■ Taken 3 (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 10:45

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■ Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) * (Closed caption) 12:45

■ The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) * (Closed caption) 11:55, 3:15, 6:40

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■ The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:20, 3:40, 7:05

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■ Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) D 2:00, 4:30

■ Annie (PG) D 12:30, 3:25

■ Project Almanac (PG-13) * D 7:00, 9:45

■ The Wedding Ringer (R) * D 2:30, 5:00, 6:25, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00

■ The Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death (PG-13) D (Closed caption) 9:20

■ The Loft (R) * D 1:15, 4:05, 7:10, 9:55

■ Mortdecai (R) * D 1:30, 4:10, 6:50

■ AMC Independent American Sniper (R) * D 12:20, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

■ AMC Independent Spare Parts (PG-13) * D 12:45, 3:35

■ AMC Independent Selma (PG-13) D 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 9:05

■ Blackhat (R) * D 6:10, 9:20

■ AMC Independent The Boy Next Door (R) * D 1:10, 2:05, 3:45, 4:35, 6:15, 7:05, 8:45, 9:45

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■ Project Almanac (PG-13) * 12:05

■ Project Almanac (PG-13) * 7:00, 9:55

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■ The Loft (R) * 8:00, 10:55, 12:10

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■ Mortdecai (R) * (Closed caption) 10:00

■ Mortdecai (R) * (Closed caption) 12:45, 3:45

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■ Taken 3 (PG-13) (Closed caption) 2:30, 5:20, 8:10, 11:00

■ Spare Parts (PG-13) * (Closed caption) 12:50

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■ Cake (R) * (Closed caption) 1:20, 4:00

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Never trust a politician, even if she's the mayor of a safe little town called *Fortitude*.

"We live in the one place on Earth we're guaranteed a quiet life," says Hildur Odegard (Sofie Grabol) in Thursday's two-hour premiere of Pivot's "Fortitude," an enigmatic and engrossing whodunit that should move to the top of everyone's DVR queue.

As Hildur addresses a group of travel executives she's hoping to impress with her plan to build an ice hotel into a glacier, she learns that a brutal murder—*Fortitude*'s very first—has shattered the peace she wants to share with the world. Still she presses on, showing the fortitude that earned her town its name.

Fortitude sits on the Svalbard archipelago in the Arctic Ocean about midway between Norway and the North Pole. It gets its name from the attitude its inhabitants must adopt while living in an area where they are outnumbered three to one by polar bears. A law forbids residents from dying in *Fortitude* because the permafrost is so solid that nothing can be buried.

But someone does die—or more specifically, is murdered. The killing casts suspicion on several of the town's residents, not least of whom are Hildur and her sheriff, Dan Anderssen (Richard Dormer), who want to save their tourist project.

Filmed in London and, more breathtakingly, Iceland, the gorgeous psychological thriller boasts an international cast that includes Grabol (the original Danish "The Killing") and Dormer ("Game of Thrones"), plus Stanley Tucci ("The Hunger Games"), Michael Gambon ("Harry Potter" films), Jessica Raine ("Call the Midwife"), Christopher Eccleston

Fortitude
9 p.m. Thursday, Pivot

"Doctor Who"), Sienna Guillory ("Luther") and Luke Treadaway ("Unbroken"). They all do amazing work here.

Once DCI Eugene Morton (Tucci) arrives from London to help a resistant Anderssen with his investigation, he begins to expose the corruption, infidelities, jealousies and other secrets long hidden beneath the town's seemingly idyllic surface.

But just as the melting permafrost reveals an ages-old carcass that may be a mammoth, each clue Morton digs up only deepens the compelling mystery.

On the surface, a crime thriller might not seem like the kind of story Pivot would present as its first original drama. Already the American home for the wonderfully funny Aussie comedy "Please Like Me" and Joseph Gordon-Levitt's audience-participation series "HitRecord on TV," Pivot was launched in 2013 by Participant Media. Focusing on social advocacy of all sorts, it targets adults 18 to 34.

"Fortitude" fits into the young network's mission, however, with creator Simon Donald's subtle yet powerful commentary on the ways changing climate can affect our lives.

And don't even get me started on the two shocking scenes in the premiere involving a polar bear and a hog. Donald gruesomely comments on the ongoing battle between man and nature, as well as the price we pay for progress.

There's a lot more to "Fortitude" than a murder mystery, making it one of those rare shows worth more than one viewing on a cold winter night.

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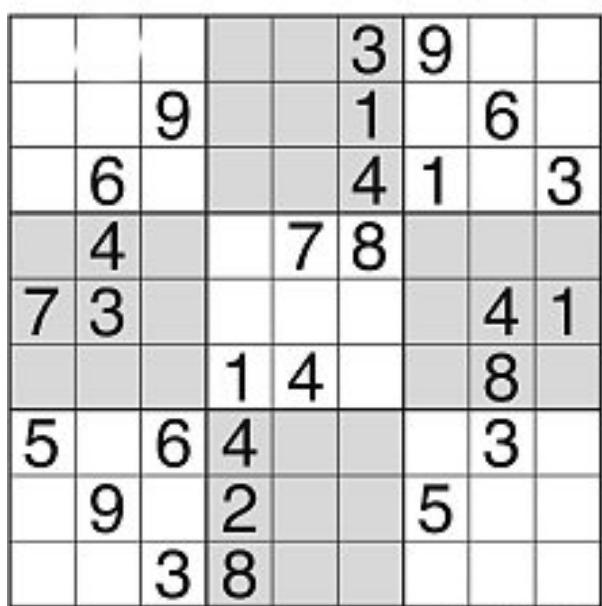
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TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

- 1845: Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published, in the New York Evening Mirror.
 1954: Television personality, entrepreneur and actress Oprah Winfrey was born in Kosciusko, Miss.
 1963: The first members of football's Hall of Fame—including the Bears' George Halas, Bronko Nagurski and Red Grange—were named in Canton, Ohio.
 2002: In his first State of the Union address, President George W. Bush said terrorists were still threatening America and warned of an "axis of evil" consisting of North Korea, Iran and Iraq.

ACROSS

- 1 As a matter of __; actually
 5 Bit of parsley
 10 Actor Sandler
 14 Take __; assume control
 15 Babble
 16 Lady __; big name in music
 17 Easter flower
 18 Holdwinked
 20 Eisenhower's monogram
 21 Jillian & Curry
 22 Rib
 23 Sheriff's star
 25 Biden or Pesci
 26 Take long steps
 28 President Woodrow __
 31 Lions & Tigers & Bears
 32 "We Had __," Waylon Jennings song
 34 11/11 honoree
 36 __ for; selects
 37 Incline; slope
 38 Cowardice
 39 Tiny
 40 Noisy brawl
 41 Baseball's Yogi
 42 Albert & Fisher
 44 Like formal wear
 45 Type; variety
 46 Banquet
 47 Egyptian dam
 50 Not tame
 51 Certain vote
 54 Imitation diamond
 57 Flower stalk
 58 A la __; topped with ice cream
 59 24 __ gold
 60 Steerer's place
 61 Observers
 62 Foot-leg connector
 63 Catch sight of

DOWN

- 8 __ a girl!"; new parents' cry
 9 Jewel
 10 Concurs
 11 Facts & figures
 12 Ice __; cold times in history
 13 Manufactured
 14 Attempt
 15 Freeload
 16 Dried plum
 17 Word of disgust
 26 Store away
 27 Cone-shaped home
 28 Diminish
 29 Exaggerates
 30 Approaches
 32 Misfortunes
 33 Edison's initials
 35 Cafeteria patron's item
 37 Look for
 38 Charges
 40 Pooh's creator
 41 Paper fastener
 43 Sawyer and Keaton
 44 Remove text
 46 Last; ultimate
 47 Up in __-rate
 48 Loafer or Nike
 49 Broad
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 52 Business review website
 53 TV show award
 55 Music from Jamaica
 56 Sunbathe
 57 That lady

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HOT DATE

FEB. 12 That's when Neil Patrick Harris will take the stage opposite James Lipton on "Inside the Actors Studio," [eonline.com](#) reports. He'll be discussing all his best roles, and his plans for hosting the Oscars, but we're most excited about the MAGIC TRICKS. Please tell us you didn't forget that NPH does magic.

Redmayne in the face

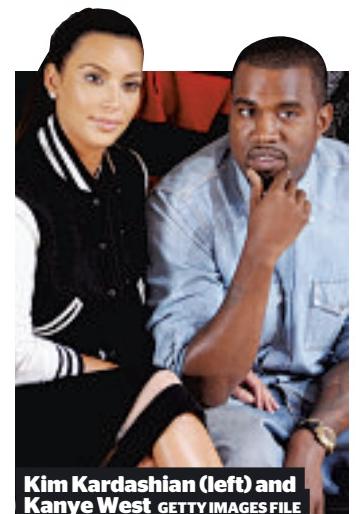
Just because you're famous doesn't mean you can't be totally starstruck by other famous people. Case in point: **Eddie Redmayne**.

The "Theory of Everything" star described the experience on "Jimmy Kimmel Live"

as "a kid in a candy store," saying that he and his wife are such big "Friends" fans that they stalked Jennifer Aniston for an entire evening at a party. "We were just incredibly inappropriate," he said. Jennifer Aniston is probably so used to this by now.



Lady Gaga
and Tony
Bennett
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Kim Kardashian (left) and
Kanye West GETTY IMAGES FILE

TWO OF A KIND



Kirsten Dunst (left) and
Gabrielle Union in 'Bring It On'

Something to cheer for

A remake of "Bring It On" isn't on the horizon (phew), but if it were, original star Gabrielle Union knows exactly who she'd cast. She told Yahoo! Style that she'd fill the shoes of her character, Isis, with Keke Palmer, while Kirsten Dunst's Torrance would be played by Dakota Fanning, and Selena Gomez would take over for Eliza Dushku as Missy. We'll start casting hot dudes for the other parts, pronto.

Well, only in that they're both singers. But the Grammys duets announced Wednesday could prove pretty fantastic. The pairs include Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett, Adam Levine and Gwen Stefani, Annie Lennox and Hozier, and Jessie J and Tom Jones, [thr.com](#) reports. We suspect that Gaga REALLY, REALLY wants to perform with Annie Lennox and is a little miffed about being stuck with Tony all the time, but that's just rumor-mongering. Get yourself a big bucket of snacks and settle in for the show Feb. 8.

Kimye does math

Addition is hard work, guys. Or at least according to Kim Kardashian, who tells People magazine that a second baby can't come soon enough for her and Kanye West. "We've really been trying for another kid," she said. Not that keeping up with daughter North West is an easy job either. Included in her hijinks: "She took Kanye's phone and put it in the toilet and flushed it!" Oh, Kim, we know that was actually you.


THE QUOTE

"No, the poof was awesome."

—**Snooki** (right), to E! News, on whether she regrets her outrageous "Jersey Shore" hairstyle. Why is Snooki back? Ummm, unclear. But the poof!

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